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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GOS INACTION REGARDING NUEVO DIARIO CALUMINOUS ARTICLE
AGAINST UNITED STATES

REF: MADRID 6542

1. GOS HAS NOT YET TAKEN ACTION AGAINST NUEVO DIARIO FOR PUBLICATION OF INSULTING ARTICLE AGAINST U.S. REPORTED REFTTEL. IN TWO TELCONS FOLLOWING PUBLICATION ARTICLE, UNDERSECRETARY ROVIRA ADVISED CHARGE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION HAD DECIDED TO APPLY SANCTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 2 PRESS LAW AGAINST THE MADRID DAILY. DISCREET INQUIRIES BY EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER UNCOVERED NO EVIDENCE THAT PAPER HAD BEEN NOTIFIED OF SANCTIONS OR MINISTRY OF INFORMATION PREPARING THEM. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO DEADLINE BEFORE WHICH GOS MUST ACT, AND IT IS STILL POSSIBLE PAPER AND DIRECTOR MAY BE FINED OR SUSPENDED.

2. GOS ATTITUDE RE SANCTIONS MAY HAVE BEEN ASSUAGED BY APPEARANCE OF EDITORIAL COMMENTARY IN PAPER'S LETTERS TO EDITOR COLUMN DAY AFTER PUBLICATION REFERENCED ARTICLE. COLUMN CARRIED LETTER ASSERTING CONTRADICTION FOR PAPER TO CRITICIZE U.S. AT SAME TIME IT OFFERED READERS SUCH FORMS OF AMERICAN COLONIALISM AS "THE FLINTSTONES," "RIP KIRBY" AND TENNIS LESSONS BY STAN SMITH.

3. LETTER FOLLOWED BY IRONIC EDITORIAL COMMENTARY EXPRESSING
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SURPRISE THAT EDITORIAL HAD PROVOKED LARGE NUMBER LETTERS AND CALLS

TO THE PAPER REFLECTING VARIETY "TONES AND TENDENCIES." POINTED OUT THAT THE ARTICLE REFERRED ONLY TO U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, NOTING, "WE WANT TO EMPHASIZE ABOVE ALL, THE PROFOUND AND SINCERE RESPECT THE NORTHAMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE FROM US." THE COMMENTARY ADDED THAT WHILE IT COULD NOT APPLAUD U.S. "COMMERCIAL ATTITUDE," "DIPLOMATIC POLICY," "AND DILATORY AND DISAGREEABLE NEGOTIATING TACTICS," THE UNITED STATES IS A "GREAT NATION AND A GREAT PEOPLE."..

FOR THOSE OF US WHO BELIEVE IN FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, FREE ENTERPRISE AND IN SO MANY VALUES DEFINED AS WESTERN CIVILIZATION AND CULTURE....

THE UNITED STATES, ITS PEOPLE, CONSTITUTE A VALID EXAMPLE....CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN CULTURE HAS HIGH VALUE FOR US, AND FOR THAT REASON IT IS NOT SURPRISING WE PUBLISH "THE FLINTSTONES,' 'RIP KIRBY' AND 'TENNIS LESSONS BY STAN SMITH." COMMENTARY CONCLUDED INSISTING ONCE AGAIN THAT "WE HAVE CENSURED AND WE CONTINUE TO CENSUR" U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS EVEN THOUGH "THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, LIKE ALL PEOPLES,"

"DESERVE OUR RESPECT, AND EVEN MORE, PROFOUND ADMIRATION."

4. NEITHER THE ORIGINAL ARTICLE NOR THE FOLLOWUP COMMENTARY HAVE EVOKED PRESS REACTION EXCEPT FOR ONE INDIRECT REFERENCE IN THE MAGAZINE, "GUADIANA", WHICH CONGRATULATED THE AUTHOR, MARTIN FERRAND, FOR BEING A "GREAT POLEMICIST."
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